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TO: GENERAL HAIG, THE WHITE HOUSE

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER

REF: TOHAK 56; TOHAK 63

HAKTO 17

1. Re press statement my reception here. I don't think press speculation on allegedly cool reception here is harmful. This sends suggestive signals to Hanoi about possible movement, and the longer we keep them from going public the better off we are. FYI: It is not true Thieu ~~replied~~ <sup>supplied</sup> us on request for initial meeting. ~~End~~ FYI. If Ziegler is asked, the only comment he should make is that quote our reports differ unquote re alleged reception. He should absolutely not explain or elaborate in any way and above all make no protestation about reception here. There should be no comment whatsoever on what I am reporting.

2. Re stories on Soviet Jews. It would be totally improper and an absolute disaster if we play politics with this issue. I feel very strongly that there should be no official demarche to Soviets on emigration of Jews. Given their set-back in Egypt, the unsatisfactory nature of our answers on the Middle East and the confidential matter, a public confrontation would overload the circuit. Furthermore the Jewish community

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should be fully satisfied with our efforts on their behalf; if not, there is little more we can do. They will have to show some understanding of our problems. Please be sure the President knows my very strong views on this subject. Accordingly we should proceed as follows:

-- You should call Rabin and Garment and get them to urge discipline on the Jewish community. I will follow up personally on my return.

-- Rogers can meet with Jewish leaders but this should be done in the lowest possible key and with no publicity. Make sure that this is done this way.

-- You should not call Dobrynin and Rogers must not see him. There is no way to do that low key.

-- There should be no public U.S. statement by White House, State or anyone else. Make sure White House staff is firmly under control as well.

3. Further on level of our air sorties mentioned in my HAKTO 16. In light of Brezhnev letter, air operations must be kept at levels that do not make the noise generated by yesterday's large number of sorties. A VOA broadcast today said that the raids were the heaviest in four months. Please see that this sort of <sup>VOA</sup> statement is stopped immediately.

4. Re Action 6003, Wildlife Conference. Please see whether it is possible to postpone issuing invitation to after the election. There must be

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some way to delay this a couple more months. One thing we don't need between now and November is a two China controversy. Please see what you can do to have State delay this matter under some pretext.

Warm regards.

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